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VIA HAND DELIVERY

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Re: *BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry Into Long Distance
(InterLATA) Service in Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of
the Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 97-00309

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are the original and thirteen copies of BellSouth's Motion to Amend
Procedural Schedule. Copies of the enclosed are being provided to counsel of
record.

Very truly yours,

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In Re: *BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry Into Long Distance (InterLATA Service) in Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

Docket No. 97-00309

**BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S MOTION
TO AMEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") hereby moves the Hearing Officer to amend the procedural schedule in the above-styled matter in light of the Hearing Officer's September 10, 2001, Order. BellSouth respectfully shows the Hearing Officer as follows:

On July 30, 2001, BellSouth filed its Section 271 Application with the Authority. BellSouth did not file testimony on section 272 or on public interest for the reasons set forth in its August 26, 2001 Motion for Clarification. On September 10, 2001, the Hearing Officer issued an Initial Order that clarified the Phase I issues in this matter. As part of the September 10, 2001 Order, the Hearing Officer held that he would consider BellSouth's compliance with section 272 as well as the public interest in the hearing scheduled for October 3, 2001. In accordance with that conclusion, the Hearing Officer gave BellSouth until September 14, 2001 to supplement its testimony.

Given the events of this week, the ordered timeline, and BellSouth's limited regulatory resources, BellSouth regretfully will not be able to comply with this schedule with the level of care and quality that it deems necessary. Further, given

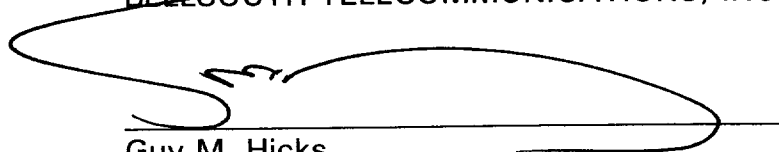
the representations that BellSouth will not ask this Authority to hear this matter prior to an FCC decision in the Georgia 271 case¹, BellSouth requests

1. Initially, that the Hearing Officer cancel the hearings scheduled for October 3, and move the Track A, section 272 and public interest issues to the week of November 5, which the Hearing Officer previously asked the parties to reserve, and
2. that the Hearing Officer temporarily defer consideration of the remainder of the section 271 issues (including suspension of testimony filings) until after January 1, 2002.

As to subparagraph 1 above, BellSouth further requests that it be granted additional time to file testimony on the section 272 and public interest issues. Specifically, BellSouth requests that it be granted until October 1, 2001, to file its direct testimony on these issues, and the CLECs be given until October 22, 2001, to file rebuttal testimony on these issues.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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¹ The Georgia Public Service Commission has announced that it will vote on BellSouth's 271 application on October 3, 2001.

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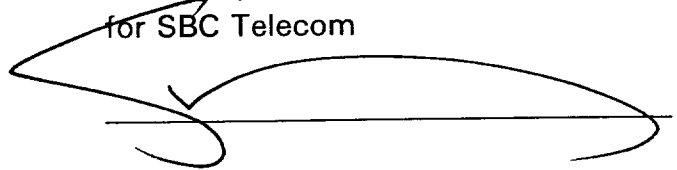
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